



Rev. Henry Meyer
1910-1918



Rev. Louis Evers
1918-1927

1848-1851—Rev. J. B. Baumgartner.
1851-1880—Rev. Louis Navarron.
1880-1882—Rev. Charles F. Scheihamer.
1882-1885—Rev. Charles Wiederhold.
1885-1887—Rev. Isaac J. Hoyer.
1887-1903—Rev. John J. Cunningham.
1903-1906—Rev. Fred A. Gallagher.
1906-1910—Rev. M. F. Russell.
1910-1918—Rev. Henry Meyer.
1918-1927—Rev. Louis Evers, Pastor of St. Leo Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.
1927-1931—Rev. Earl L. Binsette, Pastor of St. Mary Church, Springfield, Ohio.
1931—Rev. Edward Stuhlmueller, present pastor.

From the Pages of the Old Records

The first Church Trustees: John Cline, Francis Droone, Louis Bartell, Louis Christman.

The first burial: Margaret Bartell, daughter of Louis Bartell, September 30, 1839.

The first baptisms: John Schneider, son of John and Margaret Schneider, November 19, 1848; Emerite Gominien, son of Pierre Gominien and Mar-



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The Holy Name Society

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Vice President — A. J. Paul
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Marshal — George Apgar.
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The Ladies Altar Society

President — Mrs. Anna Feiertag.

garet Girard, November 19, 1848. (Signed by J. B. Baumgartner.)
The first marriage: John Rapp, son of John Rapp and Catherine Seibert, and Leona Bartell, daughter of Louis Bartell and Margaret Mazal, April 9, 1849. (Priest—Rev. J. B. Baumgartner.)

The Records of the Present Church

First baptism: Eleanora Philomena Craver, daughter of George Craver and Ellen Gauche, November 26, 1905.
First marriage: Thomas Hebron and Louise Monnot, January 11, 1906.
First funeral: Mary Yeager, died January 17, 1906.

Vice President—Mrs. Ellen Craver.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Rein.

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SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

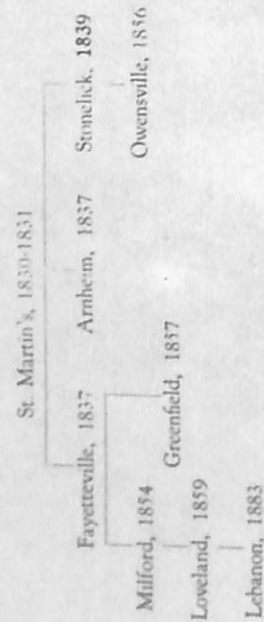
While ruminating over the early records and history of St. Philomena Parish, one can picture the advent of Catholicity in Stonelick. U. S. Route No. 50 must have been a road through the wilderness, as it crossed the southern part of Ohio. Immigrants from Alsace-Lorraine, bearing French and German names, settled and cleared the land in the valley of the East Fork and Stonelick Creeks, in Clermont County. There was no church of their Catholic Faith in the County. Previous to 1839 priests from Cincinnati journeyed to Stonelick to offer Mass for these Catholic settlers, in their homes—generally in the homes of the Cline, Gominien, Gerard, Bartell, Droone, Wisel and Rapp families. This must have called for long and tire-

some horseback rides from Cincinnati because there was no other Catholic Church between St. Martin, Brown County, and the few churches in Cincinnati. It is noted in the old baptismal records, that Archbishop Purcell, while he journeyed to the missions of his diocese, stopped at Stonelick and baptized Mary Elizabeth Dufaud, the daughter of Charles and Mary Dufaud, on the 24th of October, 1858.

Father Navarron, who spent almost thirty years at Stonelick, listed the Catholic families in Clermont County, September 5, 1855, as twenty-eight French families, seventy-six German and sixteen Irish. In the following

The records of this pioneer priest reveal the simple needs of those days as well as the lack of funds to keep the Church and house as a tribute to his zeal and ambitions. Seventy-five years ago the Sunday offerings were \$1.47 or \$1.19. The total receipts for the year 1863 amounted to \$221.30.

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PRESENT CHURCH—1906

A hundred years of priestly administration mingled with the faith and loyalty of the people would make a long history of the pioneer days and years of patience, hardships, prayers, sorrows and ambitions of both priest and people. Both have knelt before the same altar, as time moved on. The past is gone; leaving in the memories and records of the living, as well as, in the silent graves of the dead, the glorious history of the "little Church at Stonelick."

year, 1856, a meeting was held to organize a new parish at New Boston (now Owensville). Father Navarron was brought as a priest, from France, by Archbishop Purcell. His life and the history of the Church at Stonelick are closely associated. In all the

thirty years, it is said, he was absent from his parish one month. We reprint with reverential amusement, some of the notations in his records: "On the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, October 30, 1875, I preached on the necessity of paying to me, the pastor, the rent of the pews. Or pay to the priest, an equivalent sum, and to contribute for the mending of the priest's house, each one in pro rata."

"December 5, 1870, I received from Francis Wisel, two wagon loads of fire wood, on account of the rent of his pew."

"Memorandum of the divers objects, bought and paid with my personal money for the service of the presbytery, the Church of Stonelick and the



REV. EDWARD STUHLMUELLER
Present Pastor

land, at Stonelick, Clermont County, Ohio, Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Since the 14th of March, 1851, to September 13, 1864, I paid:

- 1—For a visit of a German priest in behalf of the congregation, \$10.50.
- 2—For a closet and library, \$6.00.
- 3—For work done on the well, \$1.19.
- 4—For fruit trees planted on the land, \$4.80.
- 5—For boards for the stable, \$4.75.
- 6—For a quilt, \$4.00.
- 7—For a bedstead, \$3.50.
- 8—For a sofa, \$10.00.
- 9—For cane chairs, \$10.00.
- 10—Stovepipe, \$1.00.
- 11—Confirmation expenses, \$2.27, and many other articles for the house and Church.

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